BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 95-1000-E - ORDER NO. 95-1470 AUGUST 24, 1995

IN RE: Application of South Carolina Electric) ORDER & Gas Company for an Increase in its) GRANTING Electric Rates and Charges.) PRE-HEARING) CONFERENCE

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the August 18, 1995 request of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G or the Company), that the Commission hold a pre-hearing conference in this Docket.

According to SCE&G, the purpose of the conference would be to set up any additional procedural guidelines that may be necessary as to the discovery and other matters, and to examine the issues of the parties to see if it could be any opportunity for resolution of issues. SCE&G also asks that the Commission require each party to file its list of issues with the Commission a week before the date of the conference. The list would not limit any party in any way from raising other issues later, but would assist all parties at the conference in preparing for the hearing. SCE&G would like for the pre-hearing conference to be held in early September, and another one to be held closer to the hearing date.

The Commission has examined the request of SCE&G, and believes that it has merit. We have found in the past that pre-hearing

conferences are helpful in narrowing the issues before hearing, and in promoting communication between the parties. We therefore hold that a pre-hearing conference shall be held in this matter. Issues lists shall be exchanged among the parties one week prior to the date of the hearing. Staff shall set the date of the hearing, and may hold another one closer to the hearing date.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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ATTEST:

Executive Director

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